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A full-page comic book illustration. Mega Man, in his blue armor, is pushing a large, light-blue sphere with a red section and a yellow helmet-like shape on it. The sphere is rolling down a green, icy slope. Mega Man has a determined expression. In the background, there are dark, industrial structures and falling ice. A speech bubble from Mega Man is in the top right corner.

ICE
MAN!
CUT MAN!
ABOVE
US!

TIME KEEPS ON SLIPPING

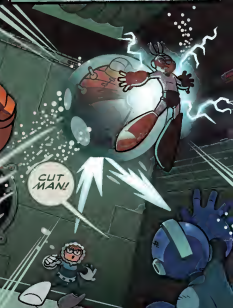
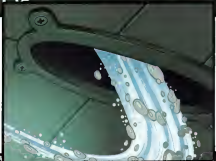
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THOOM

IS THE ROBOT
...LIM...
HAVING
BABIES?

I...DON'T
THINK THAT'S
POSSIBLE.
THEY MAY
BE CUTE,
BUT WATCH
OUT FOR--

BWOOOM

ARE
THEY
"CUTE"
NOW?!

NOT
ANY-
MORE.

GET READY
FOR WHEN
IT COMES
OUT AGAIN--
I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!





ITS MODEL
NUMBER WAS
CWU-OIP. IT
USED TO PURIFY
THE WATER HERE
UNTIL DR. WILY
WEAPONIZED IT.

UNTIL WE
TRASHED IT!
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE ROBOT
MASTERS!
WHOOO!

I THINK IT WAS
THE TERRIBLE
PUN THAT
DESTROYED IT.



HEY, GUYS! I
THINK I FOUND
A WAY OUT OF
HERE!



WE'RE
...WE'RE
RIGHT BACK
WHERE WE
STARTED!



NO! THIS IS **TERRIBLE!**



ELSEWHERE...

FINALLY YOU WERE SUPPOSED
TO HAVE FIGURED OUT MY HIDING
PLACE FROM THE NOTE, YOU LITTLE
METAL MORON.*
THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T EXPECT
THOMAS TO BE ARRESTED,
HEH HEH HEH!

*MM#6.

NO MATTER, HE'S STILL
GATHERING THE ROBOT
MASTERS TO HIS SIDE,
JUST AS I PLANNED...

...AND
THEY'LL
ALL COME
TO RESCUE
MY LITTLE...
"HOSTAGE."

AND WITH MY
MINIONS FINISHING
MY DOUBLE-BLIND,
I'M SURE TO...
**WHAT ARE THOSE
IDIOTS DOING?!**



DOWNTOWN.



I'M GOING TO SET UP THE WORK LIGHTS FOR THE EVENING. I'LL BE BACK TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN-UP--

HEY, THEY'RE BACK!



WAS WILY BROUGHT TO JUSTICE? HAVE ROLL AND DR. LIGHT BEEN SAVED?

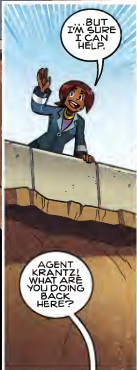
NO. ALL WE DID WAS GET LOST AND FIGHT A WATER FILTER WITH DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR.

UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO FIND WILY, RESCUE ROLL, AND CLEAR DR. LIGHT'S NAME.

BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK OR HOW TO START. I WISH DR. LIGHT WAS HERE...

I'M NO DOCTOR...





...BUT
I'M SURE
I CAN
HELP.

AGENT
KRANTZ!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
BACK
HERE?

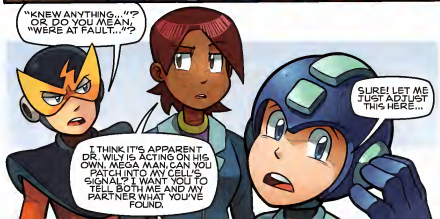


DOCTOR LIGHT
WAS WORRIED
ABOUT YOU, AND
CALLED THE LAB.
HE ASKED ME TO
LOOK INTO THINGS
WHEN YOU DIDN'T
ANSWER.



WHEN I CHECKED
LIGHT LABS, I
FOUND THE KID-
NAPPER'S NOTE.
I CAME HERE TO
SEE IF THE ROBOT
MASTERS KNEW
ANYTHING.

ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU'RE
HUMAN
?




"KNEW ANYTHING..."?
OR DO YOU MEAN,
"WERE AT FAULT..."?

SURE! LET ME
JUST ADJUST
THIS HERE...

I THINK IT'S APPARENT
DR. WILY IS ACTING ON HIS
OWN. MEGA MAN, CAN YOU
PATCH INTO MY CELL'S
SIGNAL? I WANT YOU TO
TELL BOTH ME AND MY
PARTNER WHAT YOU'VE
FOUND.







NO, AGENT KRANTZ SAID HE WOULD BE ANTICIPATING THAT. THIS PROVIDES THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, AND ALLOWS THE AGENT TO COME WITH US.

MEGA MAN...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL HAVE WAITING FOR US, SO WE SHOULD GIVE YOU ALL OUR POWERS AGAIN.



WHAT?!
NO! I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF POWER AGAIN!



I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. DO IT FOR ROLL AND DR. LIGHT.



...OKAY, READY, EVERYONE?

SO WHOSE POWER ARE YOU GONNA USE FIRST, SIR?

HE'LL USE MINE, OF COURSE!

THIS ISN'T A COMPETITION!







THE
--!



CLEAR.



OKAY, WE'LL
SPLIT INTO
TEAMS OF--
WAIT, WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS?



THEY'RE
NOT
RIGHT
BEHIND
ME?



ME,
TOO.



I'LL GO ONE
WAY WITH BOMB
MAN, MEGA
MAN, YOU PRO-
TECT THE
HUMAN.

RIGHT,
(I DON'T THINK
SHE'D REALLY
NEED ME,
THOUGH.)

I DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR THE
OTHERS GO
DOWN.

THEN STOP
TALKING AND
LISTEN FOR--

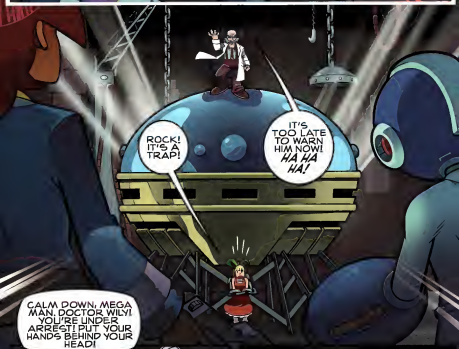
HMPH. IT
SEEMS YOUR
CHARGED
BODY DIS-
RUPTS MY
"TIME SLOW"
ABILITY.

I
WON'T...
LET...
YOU!

HNGH!

HOW'S
THAT FOR
PERFECT
TIMING?

DECENT
ENOUGH.
NOW LET'S
APPLY THE
LAST TWO
CHIPS.







IT SEEMS
YOU'VE
RUN OUT
OF TIME.



AGENT
KRANTZI!



YOUR
WEAPONS
AREN'T
ENOUGH!
I'LL HANDLE
THESE TWO!
PLEASE
RESCUE
ROLL!

RIGHT BE
CAREFUL.



OIL MAN!
STOP THE
HUMAN!

NO WAY!
I'M GONNA
GET MY TURN
WITH MISTER
BIG SHOT,
TOO!





JUST
LIKE **ALL**
THE ROBOT
MASTERS!

ROLL IS AT THE MERCY
OF DR. WILY!
MEGA MAN IS UP
AGAINST ALL EIGHT
ROBOT MASTERS!
CAN AGENT KRANTZ
HELP SAVE THE DAY, OR
IS HER TIME UP, TOO?
DON'T MISS THE EXCITING
CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!
AND DON'T MISS THE
VERY FIRST PAPERBACK
...**MEGA MAN VOLUME 1!**

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*Time keeps on slippin',
and our piles of fan
mail keep on growin'!
Remember, if you
don't see your letter
printed in the books,
there's a chance it was
published on the blogs at
archiecomics.com!*

Dear Mega-Mail,
I've been meaning to
write in to you guys. I love
what you're doing with the
comic. I love the Mega Man
franchise in general.

I can feel the love!

I recently got into Mega
Man and when I saw an
ad for the Mega Man
comic in one of my Sonic
the Hedgehog comics, I
begged my parents to pre-
order it for me. They did
and I am so glad.

*Us, too! We're so stoked
that Mega Man fans are
diggin' what we're doin'
and we hope to keep the
streak alive!*

The first story arc was
great and as I read it I
heard all the music from
the game going through
my head. It would be really
cool to see Mega Man X in
his own comic, and I know
I'm not the first to say this.
I definitely look forward
to seeing what the future
holds for the comic. Rock
on!

Sincerely,
Joe G. AKA Red Sun
sent to megaman@
archiecomics.com

*Wow! You guys and gals
out there REALLY want
to see some Mega Man X
action!*

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi! I'm a big fan of Mega
Man. I love playing the
video games, I collect the
merchandise, and I really,

really love your monthly
comic book series. It was
awesome that you guys
made it because I'm a big
fan of Mega Man. Patrick
"SPAZ" Spaziente and Ian
Flynn are so fantastic! I
really, really enjoy your
comics so far!

Sincerely, Yelena T.
sent to megaman@
archiecomics.com

**PS - Proto Man is my
favorite character of
all-time!**

*Thanks for the kind
words, Yelena! I think
you're gonna really dig
what we have in store for
Proto Man!*

Dear Mega-Mail,
I have always loved Mega
Man, so I grabbed the first
volume of this comic the
second I heard about it. I
love it, and I keep reading
it over and over again. I
can't wait to find out how
blues plays into all this,
and you've got a great
storyline going. I'd prefer
you intensify the boss
battles. For example, I'm
pretty sure Bomb Man
can't get killed in one
shot, but I understand
how you were trying to
play into the whole story
line, too. Having the RMs
coming in to help Mega
Man would be cool, but I'd
love it either way. PLEASE
continue it.

Your fan,
Andrew
sent to megaman@
archiecomics.com

*Thanks for the kind
words, Andrew - glad to
have you on board! As
you can see, the Robot
Masters stick around for
a good long time as part
of the regular Mega Man*

cast of characters!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I am loving the new
story arc with Time
Man and Oil Man!
I really enjoyed the
first story arc and it really
kept my attention story-
wise as well as art-wise. I
do have a few questions
though that pertain to
the new story arc along
with hopefully the not-so-
distant future.

Fire away!

1) When Dr. Light
mentioned the "X-factor" to
Mega Man in issue 5, was
that a hint that Dr. Light
is already looking into
upgrading Mega Man into
Mega Man X?

Maaaayyyyybeeee...

2) Will we be seeing Bass,
Treble, Rush, and Proto
Man any time soon?

*Yes! But some will be
debuting before others!*

3) The artwork in issue
5 of Mega Man looked
different than in issues 1-4.
Is this new artwork some
of Spaz's work or is this a
new artist?

*"Time Keeps Slipping"
features pencil art by the
supremely talented Chad
Thomas!*

Thanks for answering
these questions and keep
up the good work with the
jumping and sliding!!

Matthew H.
sent to megaman@
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*Thanks for writing in,
Matthew!*

*See ya'll next month
for the "TIME KEEPS
SLIPPING" conclusion!*

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**TIME KEEPS SLIPPING-
THE CONCLUSION!**

**MEGA MAN VS.
EVERYBODY?**

MEGA MAN AND HIS TEAM
OF ROBOT MASTERS HAVE
ENTERED THE FINAL BATTLE
WITH TIME MAN AND OIL
MAN. SO WHY DOES ROCK
FIND HIMSELF SUDDENLY
OUT-NUMBERED?

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